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TOPIC Information on the Third Motor Rifle Regiment, RVF Division

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REMARKS

1. The 3rd Motz Rifle Regt of RVF Division Erfurt, also referred to as 3rd 0002-1-00000-40, is stationed at a former factory on Eisenstrasse in Gera. The unit consisted of a headquarters, a supply section, a headquarters platoon, a motor transport company, a medical company, a regimental school, a reconnaissance company, a signal company, an engineer company, an S-7 company, and three battalions.

2. The 3rd battalion was organized as follows:

	Officers	POs	EN
Headquarters	9		95
7th through 9th Rifle Cos each	3	13	95
3rd Mortar Co	3	7	95
3rd Machine Gun Co	3	7	95

The two other battalions were organized along the same lines.

3. Officers assigned to the regiment included:

Major Gutierrez	CO
Senior Lieutenant Guenther	Deputy CO and Political Officer
Major Mueller	Chief Supply Officer (?)
Senior Lieutenant Edwards	CO, 1st Bn
Lieutenant Helmut Geist	CO, 2nd Bn
Captain Mueller	CO, 3rd Bn

4. About five percent of the personnel belonged to the 1936 class, 40 percent to the 1935 class, 35 percent to the 1934 class, 10 percent to the 1933 class, and 10 percent belonged to older classes. About 80 percent of the personnel had served up to three years, 20 percent from three to five years. About 50 percent of the personnel came from Saxony/Anhalt, 20 percent from Saxony, 10 percent each from Thuringia and Mecklenburg, and 5 percent each from Brandenburg and Berlin. About 20 percent of the personnel followed the SED line, 35 percent were indifferent, and 25 percent were secret opponents of the regime. The morale of the soldiers was rather poor; they resented their poor food, unjust treatment by their officers, and excessive fatigue duties.

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5. The new training year was started on 1 December 1953. Basic infantry training including field training up to company level was given. The mortar unit practised the construction of emplacements and gun displacement up to platoon level. On 1 December, the first practice alert was conducted by the 3rd battalion. The unit fell in within 25 minutes. The second alert took place on 15 December.

25X1 Comment. The report confirms the 3rd Motz Rifle Regiment of the Division Erfurt in Gera. The same type of training activities and practice alerts were also observed with other KVP units in December 1953.

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